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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: DEVLIN MEETING WITH MOBUTU

REF: KINSHASA 4464

1. BELIEVE DEVLIN MEETING WITH MOBUTU PROVIDES OPPORTUNE
MEANS FOR BRIEFING PRESIDENT ON CURRENT STATUS OF KIDNAP-
PING CASE AND SOLICITING HIS VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW
CASE MIGHT BEST BE HANDLED. POINTS WE WOULD LIKE TO GET
ACROSS INCLUDE: A) US APPRECIATION FOR GOZ ASSISTANCE AND
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COOPERATION TO DATE, INCLUDING SEARCH OPERATIONS; B) IM-

PORTANCE FOR SAFETY OF HOSTAGES THAT GOZ SECURITY FORCES
NOT RPT NOT UNDERTAKE OPERATIONS AGAINST KIDNAPPERS; C)

NEED FOR GOZ PUBLIC STATEMENT ALONG LINES ALREADY PROPOSED
WITH VIEW TO DETERRING KIDNAPPERS FROM TAKING ANY RASH
ACTIONS AGAINST HOSTAGES IN WAKE OF GOT REJECTION OF KID-
NAPPERS' DEMANDS.

2. IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF OBTAINING QUICK GOZ AGREEMENT TO
CATARZI MISSION AND POSSIBILITY THIS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE
DUE TO MOBUTU'S ABSENCE FROM KINSHASA, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE

NECESSARY TO ASK DEVLIN TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH MOBUTU
AS WELL. IF EMBASSIES KINSHASA AND DAR ES SALAAM CONCUR
IN SCENARIO FOR CATARZI MISSION OUTLINED SEPTTEL, AND IF
DEVLIN AGREEABLE TO DOING SO, HE MAY BRIEF MOBUTU FULLY
ON THIS SCENARIO WITH VIEW TO GETTING GOZ ON BOARD. WE
WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN ANY SUGGESTIONS OR
PROBLEMS MOBUTU MAY HAVE WITH RESPECT TO OUR CURRENT
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